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Accordingly, Applicants request removal of the rejection of claims 29-31, 42-43, and 46-48 as unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 27-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,355,431, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting.

## **CONCLUSION**

In light of the Amendments and Remarks herein, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney or Cathryn Campbell with any questions related to this application.

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